

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

10/679,357

Applicant(s)

CESARINI ET AL.

Examiner

Steven D. Maki

Art Unit

1733

All Participants:

(1) Steven D. Maki.

(2) Meredith Schoenfeld.

Status of Application: _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

Date of Interview: 11-30-06

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

112

Claims discussed:

39, 58, 135, 154

Prior art documents discussed:

none

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

Steven D. Maki
(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner made courtesy call to applicant's representative and left the following message on the voice mail for Meredith Schoenfeld: The after final amendment filed 11-2-06 will not be entered because it is not compliant with rule 1.21. Claims 39 and 58 recite "traversal" instead of --transversal--. If another after final amendment is filed, which deletes -- a substantial part of-- in claims 135 and 154 and does not make additional changes raising new issues, then such an after final amendment would be entered and the 112 first and second paragraph rejections would be withdrawn. The arguments in the after final amendment filed 11-2-06 are based on an incorrect understanding of applicant's disclosed invention with respect to the substantially continuous tread portions and the omission of circumferential grooves and are therefore not persuasive. It is emphasized that the original disclosure requires "substantially continuous tread portion" to exclude longitudinal grooves. See specification at page 1 lines 21-25, page 2 lines 28-31, page 3 lines 1-23, page 4 lines 15-22, page 7 lines 21-24 and page 11 lines 23-27. .